THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Implementation off National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme is an ongoing process under which bridge education, stipend, nutrition, *etc.* are provided to children withdrawn from work.

(b) The information is given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(c) Yes Sir, During the current financial year 2008-09 (till date), an amount of about Rs. 68.00 crore has been disbursed to the State Governments/UTs to run the NCLP Societies. An amount of Rs. 141.80 crore was disbursed to State Governments/UTs during 2007-08 for the same purpose.

Statement

State wise details of children mainstreamed under NCLP Scheme

Sl.No.	Name of States	Total
1.	Andhra Pradesh	222207
2.	Bihar	12631
3.	Chhattisgarh	6488
4.	Jharkhand	14524
5.	Karnataka	14228
6.	Madhya Pradesh	8253
7.	Maharashtra	7814
8.	Orissa	76264
9.	Rajasthan	12920
10.	Tamil Nadu	51135
11.	Uttar Pradesh	26136
12.	West Bengal	25271
13.	Punjab	3422
	Grand Total	481303

Adequate protection to workers against reduction in salary and wages

1820. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the majority of the workers do not have adequate protection against lay off and reduction of salary and wages;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken to protect labour from exploitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Safeguards against arbitrary lay off is provided to the workmen under the provisions of Chapter V-A and V-B of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947. Section 25 C of Chapter V-A provides the right of workers laid-off for compensation. As per the provisions laid down in the Chapter V-B of the ID Act, 1947, for the industrial establishments employing not less than 100 workers, prior approval of the appropriate Government is required before effecting lay off.

Regarding protection against reduction of salary and wages, workmen can raise industrial dispute under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.

Ratification of ILO convention 87 and 98

1821. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is not ratifying the International Labour Organisation (ILO) convention 87 and 98;

(b) how many countries have ratified these two conventions; and

(c) whether in the changing scenario Government will reconsider for ratifying the ILO convention 87 and 98?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (c) Sir, at present, Government is not considering the ratification of the ILO convention No. 87 and 98.

(b) Government No. 87 and 98 has been ratified by 149 and 159 countries respectively.

Retrenchment of workers due to economic recession

1822. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that companies resorted to retrenching workers as a result of the economic recession;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any mechanism to monitor the job loss of workers in the private sector; and

(d) if so, the details of the number of workers retrenched during the last three months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) No exhaustive survey/study has been conducted regarding retrenchment of employees due to economic slowdown. However, a sample study conducted (for the period August-October, 2008) by Department off Commerce for 121 export